

Qualification Requirements for
Judge County Court at Law #2

Sec. 25.0014. QUALIFICATIONS OF JUDGE. The judge of a statutory county court must:

- (1) be at least 25 years of age;
- (2) be a United States citizen and have resided in the county for at least two years before election or appointment; and
- (3) be a licensed attorney in this state who has practiced law or served as a judge of a court in this state, or both combined, for the **four years preceding election or appointment**, unless otherwise provided for by law.

Added by Acts 1991, 72nd Leg., ch. 746, Sec. 6, eff. Oct. 1, 1991.

Amended by:

Acts 2011, 82nd Leg., 1st C.S., Ch. 3 (H.B. [79](#)), Sec. 4.06(a), eff. January 1, 2012.

TO ALL CANDIDATES FOR THE POSITION OF
COUNTY COURT AT LAW #2
WEBB COUNTY, TEXAS

Your completed application for this position will include the following:

1. One original questionnaire, completed and signed, with a recent 2 ½" x 3" color photo of you (photo optional) attached to the front with supplemental materials, unbound.¹
2. Eight (8) bound copies of the completed and signed questionnaire and supplemental materials.²

All materials must be submitted on or before 5:00 p.m., Friday, February 24, 2017 to:

Business Office
Webb County, Texas
Attention: County Court at Law #2 Judge Merit Selection Committee
1000 Houston St. – 2nd Floor
Laredo, TX 78040

Any materials received after this time will not be considered.

¹ The original questionnaire and its attachments should not be bound or have any pages stapled. Paper or binder clips may be used to separate sections or documents, as appropriate.

² The copies should be bound together in eight (8) separate and distinct packets.

QUESTIONNAIRE FOR PROSPECTIVE
NOMINEES FOR COUNTY COURT AT LAW #2 JUDGE

In answering these questions, please use letter size paper. Place your answer immediately below each question. Your responses should be typed and single spaced. To be considered for the current County Court at Law #2 Judge vacancy, your response must be received by the date indicated on the accompanying cover sheet. Please attach a 2 ½ x 3 inch recent photograph of yourself to the original application and your resume.

1. Full name:
2. Office and home address, zip codes, telephone numbers with area codes (including name of law firm, if associated)
3. Have you been a resident of Webb County for the last 24 months?
4. Have you had any military service? If so, give dates, branch of service, rank, serial number and present status. If discharged, state character of discharge.
5. List each college and law school you attended, including dates of attendance, the degrees awarded and, if you left any institution without receiving a degree, the reason for leaving. Include the following:
 - (a) College - major academic achievements and other significant activities:
 - (b) Law School - major academic and other activities (e.g. Coif, Law Review, moot court, etc.)
6. List all courts in which you have been admitted to practice, with dates of admission. Give the same information for administrative bodies which require special admission to practice.
7. Describe chronologically your legal and other experience since your graduation from law school, including:
 - (a) Whether you served as law clerk to a judge, and if so, the name of the judge, the court, and the dates of the period you were a clerk.
 - (b) Whether you practiced law alone, and if so, the addresses and the dates.
 - (c) The dates, names and address of law firms or offices, companies, governmental agencies, or other organizations with which you have been connected, and the nature of your connection with each.

- (d) Law teaching experience, including name of law school, dates, courses, and faculty rank.

8. With respect to the last four (4) years:

- (a) Did you appear in court regularly, occasionally or not at all? If the frequency of your appearances in court has varied during this period, describe each such variance, giving the dates thereof.

- (b) What percentage of these appearances was in:

- (i) Federal Courts

- (ii) State Courts

- (iii) Other Courts

- (c) What percentage of your litigation was:

- (i) Civil

- Family

- Probate

- Real Estate

- (ii) Criminal

- Juvenile

- Misdemeanor

- (iii) Mental Health

- (d) How many cases have you tried before a jury?

- (i) How many were criminal trials?

- (ii) How many were civil trials?

- (e) Do you have appellate experience? If so, describe how many appellate cases you have handled. Did you present live arguments? If so, how many times?

9. Are you board certified by the Texas Board of Legal Specialization? If so, in what field(s) of law?

10. Summarize your experience in court and practice prior to the foregoing four (4) year period:

11. Judicial Office:

- (a) Have you ever held judicial office? (If not, omit remainder of question 11). If so, give dates and details including the courts involved, whether elected or appointed, periods of service, and a description of the jurisdiction of each of such courts with any limitations upon the jurisdiction of each court.
- (b) As a judge, have you participated in any proceeding in which you had a stock or other financial interest in one of the parties or in the matter in controversy? If so, please provide details.
- (c) Is there a rule or custom in your court as to judges sitting on such cases? If so, state the rule or custom and whether or not you have complied with it.
- (d) Have you, as a judge, to the best of your knowledge and belief complied with applicable statutes and Canons of the American Bar Association relative to such matters as were in force and applicable at the time? If not, please provide details.
- (e) While a judge, have you ever received compensation from outside sources for services rendered (other than fees or expenses for lectures or teaching)? If so, please provide details.

12. Have you ever held public office other than judicial office? If so, give details, including the office involved, whether elected or appointed, and the length of your service, giving dates.

13. Have you ever been an unsuccessful candidate for elective, judicial, or other public office? If so, give details, including dates.

14. Have you ever been engaged in any occupation, business or profession other than the practice of law, law teaching, or holding judicial or other public office? If so, give details including dates.

15. Are you now an officer or director or otherwise involved in the management of any business enterprise or otherwise employed by any business enterprise?

- (a) If so, give details, including the name of the enterprise, the nature of the business, the title or other description of your position, the nature of your duties and the term of your service.

- (b) Is it your intention to resign such positions and withdraw from any participation in the management of any such enterprises if you are nominated and confirmed? If not, give reasons.

16. Have you ever been arrested, charged, or held by federal, state, or other law enforcement authorities for violation of any federal law or regulation, state law or regulations, county or municipal law, regulation or ordinance? If so, give details. Do not include traffic violations for which a fine of \$200.00 or less was imposed.

17. Have you, to your knowledge, ever been under federal, state or local investigation for possible violation of a criminal statute? If so, please provide details.

18. Has any tax lien or other collection procedure ever been instituted against you by federal, state or local authorities? If so, please provide details.

19. Have you ever been sued by a client? If so, please provide details.

20. Have you ever been a party or otherwise involved in any other proceedings? If so, please provide details.

21. Have you ever been disciplined or cited for a breach of ethics or unprofessional conduct by, or been the subject of a complaint to any court, administrative agency, bar association, disciplinary committee, or other professional group? If so, please provide details.

22. List all bar associations and professional organizations of which you are a member and give the titles and dates of any offices which you have held in such groups. List also chairmanships of any committees in bar associations which you believe to be of particular significance in relation to legal ability and interests and qualifications for County Court at Law #2 Judge.

23. List all organizations and clubs other than bar associations or professional associations or professional societies of which you are or have been a member, including civic, charitable, religious, educational, social and fraternal organizations. If you are no longer a member, indicate approximate date your membership ceased.

24. List any honors, prizes, awards or other forms of recognition which you have received (including any indication of academic distinction in college or law school) other than those mentioned in answers to the foregoing questions.

25. State any other information which may reflect positively or adversely on you, or which you believe should be disclosed in connection with consideration of you for nomination as a County Court at Law #2 Judge.

26. State the names, addresses, and telephone numbers of three persons who are well

acquainted with your legal ability.

27. Are you related, by blood or marriage, to any elected official of Webb County? If so, please explain.

28. If selected as a finalist, do you consent to Webb County performing a financial background check on you? If so, please sign below. (All results will remain confidential).

Signature

Typed Name

Date